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E-LEARNING PILOT PROJECT IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government had launched e-learning pilot project in 20 schools in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether now the Government have decided to launch the said project in 60,000 schools throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the incentives likely to be provided to State Governments to make this project a success ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. As per information received from the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Department of Information Technology has formulated a specific Programme 'Vidya Vahini' for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan to integrate Internet and Intranet tools and computer aided techniques into the learning environment. The Programme focuses on providing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure, training of the teachers to use ICT for imparting education; course curriculum and other learning material to the Government / Government aided schools in the country. To start with, a pilot project is being implemented in 7 districts, namely, Kuppam (Andhra Pradesh), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), South 24-Parganas (West Bengal), Parlivaijnath (Maharashtra), Lucknow and Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh). The State Governments are fully participating in implementation of the Pilot Project. In consultationwith the State Governments, the Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, the Department of Information Technology has selected 20 Government/Government-aided schools in each of the above districts and a training lab is set up in each district to train the teachers. The site preparation activity at these schools has been carried out by the State Governments. In each of the selected schools, a server, 10 multi- media PCs connected over Local Area Network (LAN), a network printer, UPS, CVT, 29` colour TV and internet connectivity of 128 kbps through VSAT is installed. Education related software such as office tools, encyclopedia and virus, productivity tools and course curriculum has been installed in the PCs.

(c) and (d) : The implementation of the project in 60,000 schools will be considered by the Ministry of Communication & Information Technology , Department of Information Technology only after the completion of the Pilot Project.